

# TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Littleleaf Linden  
*Tilia cordata*

This deciduous tree has become a very popular urban tree. The small (three inch) leaves are heart-shaped at the base and taper to a point. The leaf margins are toothed. The bark is gray, smooth and becomes furrowed with age. Fragrant, pale yellow flowers appear in midsummer. The broadly columnar tree can grow to 100 feet in height. The Littleleaf Linden is a native to Western Asia and Europe.

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WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
**Natural Resources**  
Jennifer M. Belcher - Commissioner of Public Lands

Summer has arrived! What a great time of year to live in Washington. As the heat rises, remember to keep watering any trees that have been planted during the past three years. We have been very busy here at the Urban Forestry Program. Many communities across the state are preparing and passing new tree ordinances to comply with the National Arbor Day Foundation standards for the Tree City USA program. If you are interested in the Tree City USA program or ordinance development, please call the TreeLink Hotline for assistance. -Sarah

## Salmon Days Volunteers Needed

The Urban and Community Forestry Program will once again have a display at the Issaquah Salmon Days, October 7 & 8. This community festival is a lot of fun, and a great opportunity to spread the word about the benefits of trees in our communities. The theme this year is "Kids, Chaos, and Coho." We will once again be located in the hatchery grounds, the booth needs to be staffed from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Bring the family, spend two hours at the booth, and then enjoy the Festival! If you are able to help, please call Sarah Foster at 1-800-523-TREE.

## National Arbor Day Award Nominations Due

Every year the National Arbor Day Foundation (NADF) honors individuals and groups around the country for outstanding accomplishments in tree planting, tree care, conservation and environmental stewardship. The NADF relies heavily on nominations to identify the deserving individuals and groups for the Arbor Day Awards. The nominations are due by September 1, 2000, with completed entries due to the NADF by October 15. The University of Washington's Arbor Day Fair received an Arbor Day Celebration Award last year, and the Washington State flag now hangs in the Lied Conference Center for the year 2000. We would love to see it there next year too! If you have any nominations, suggestions, or would like a copy of the nomination form, please call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

## National Tree Trust Grants Available

The National Tree Trust (NTT) has grants available for 501 (c) 3 non-profit groups. The Partnership Enhancement Monetary Grant Program awards grants in four categories: tree planting/maintenance, education/training, overhead/administration, and national/regional program. The grants range from \$700 to \$25,000 depending on the category and scope of the project. Applications are due to the NTT by October 1, 2000. To apply for a grant, you must meet the following criteria: be a 501 (c) 3 organization, have been in existence for two years, are volunteer based, and have demonstrated that tree planting, maintenance, and education are components of the organization. If you are interested in this grant program, please contact Sherita Alai with the NTT at 1-800-846-8733 x. 26 or by email at [salai@nationaltreetrust.org](mailto:salai@nationaltreetrust.org).

## Master Gardener Advance Training

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Master Gardener Advanced Training Conference will be held in Wenatchee, October 6-8. The conference theme is "The Future is Water" and will focus on issues pertaining to water conservation. David Salman from the High Country Gardens in New Mexico will be the keynote speaker and will discuss xeriscaping. Other topics will include pruning, tree defect recognition, landscape design, hummingbird gardening, low volume irrigation, firewise communities, native plant landscaping, ethnobotany, and much more. The conference is open to the public, and attendees may register for part or all of the sessions. For more information on this conference, please contact the Chelan County Master Gardeners Foundation. They can be reached at (509) 664-5540.

## 2000 Salmon Homecoming Forum

This September 6, experience a new way to connect and communicate on salmon recovery at the 2000 Salmon Homecoming Forum: Salmon Recovery Comes Full Circle. This unique Northwest event will include Native American "talking circles", conference workshops and expert keynote speakers. The Salmon Homecoming will be held at the Bell Harbor International Conference Center in Seattle. The Forum is scheduled from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., with events all day. Attendees are encouraged to pick and choose the activities which best fit their schedule and interests. The agenda and registration forms can be found at [www.salmonhomecoming.org](http://www.salmonhomecoming.org). You can also contact Susanne Hindle at (206) 386-4300 or by email at [hindlesusanne@uswest.net](mailto:hindlesusanne@uswest.net) to request a registration brochure.

## In the works (continued)

"To exist as a nation, to prosper as a state, and to live as a people, we must have trees."

-Theodore Roosevelt

**TRIVIA: True or false. Research has shown that soil amendments do not assist the tree in establishment and growth.**

(answer is upside down below)

## Picks and Shovels

## On the Horizon

The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State.

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## Tree Care for the New Millennium

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (PNW-ISA) Annual Training Conference is coming. The theme of "Tree Care for the New Millennium" was selected for the conference to be held in Boise, Idaho, September 25-27. This year's training conference speakers include Jim Urban, Jim Ingram, John Hendricksen, Sharon Lilly, Ken Palmer, and many others discussing the challenges of tree care in the new millennium. Discounted registration is available until August 15. Call the PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263 for registration forms and more information.

## Certified Landscape Technician Test

The Washington Association of Landscape Professionals (WALP) is holding the Certified Landscape Technician (CLT) test in Spokane on September 22-23. Those interested in the test must register by August 4. For application materials, testing fees, or information regarding the test and CLT program, contact WALP at 1-800-833-2186.

## Stream and Wetland Ecology Basic Training

The Adopt-a-Stream Foundation is holding a workshop for real estate agents, streamside property owners, and others interested in understanding stream and wetland ecology on August 24, 2000. The workshop will take place from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Adopt-a-Stream Foundation headquarters in Everett. Admission will be \$75. This course can be taken for real estate license clock hours or teacher clock hours through WSTA. The course fee includes two textbooks, *Adopting a Stream: A Northwest Handbook* and *Adopting a Wetland: A Northwest Guide*. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather and bring a sack lunch. For more information or registration materials, please contact Sue Minger at (425) 316-8592.

*Root Barriers and Windthrow Potential*, E. Thomas Smiley, Albert Key and Craig Greco. *Journal of Arboriculture*, Volume 26(4): 213-217, July 2000. An interesting study of circling root barriers used to prevent sidewalk damage from roots, and the effects of wind. Look for it at your local library under periodicals or call the TreeLink Hotline.

*Shigo On Trees: The Video*. The Utah Community Forestry Council has released a new videotape production of Dr. Alex L. Shigo's *A New Tree Biology Workshop*. The thirteen hour workshop was recorded and edited to a two-hour format. Endorsed by Dr. Shigo, the video is a good summary of his workshops. This workshop was held in December 1993. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of the video for \$39.95, contact the TreeLink Hotline for an order form. Video information is also available on the internet at [www.spotlightvisual.com](http://www.spotlightvisual.com).

## August

- 5 ISA Certification Exam, Sun River, Oregon. Contact the PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263.
- 6-9 ISA Annual Conference and Trade Show. Baltimore, Maryland. For registration materials or information, contact ISA at (217) 335-9411 or by email at [isa@isa-arbor.com](mailto:isa@isa-arbor.com).
- 7-10 Streamkeeper Academy Teacher's Institute. Contact the Adopt-a-Stream Foundation at (425) 316-8592 or by e-mail at [aasf@streamkeeper.org](mailto:aasf@streamkeeper.org).
- 11-12 ArborMaster training in Walla Walla. Contact Rich Baker at (509) 664-6559 for more information.
- 19 ISA Certification Exam, Sand Point, Idaho. For more information or to register, contact the PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263.

## September

- 25-27 PNW-ISA Training Conference, Boise, Idaho. Call (503) 874-8263 for registration information.
- 26-27 Trees, People and the Law National Conference. Nebraska City, Nebraska. Contact the National Arbor Day Foundation (NADF) at 1-888-448-7337 or at [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org).
- 28-30 "Community Forestry at Its Best" Conference, Nebraska City, Nebraska. Contact the NADF at 1-888-448-7337.